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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR CHAIRMAN VANIK

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1. ACCORDING TO FIGURES FROM THE USITC, COST PER WORKER OF THE PRESENT DOMESTIC SUGAR PROGRAM IS \$6050. THIS IS AN ESTIMATE, BASED ON 200,000 WORKERS IN THE SUGAR CANE, BEET, AND PROCESSING INDUSTRY, AND A PROGRAM WHICH SUPPORTS SUGAR AT 13.5 CENTS PER POUND. ASSUMING A WORLD PRICE OF 8 CENTS PER POUND AND 11 MILLION TONS (22 BILLION LBS.) U.S. CONSUMPTION, THIS MEANS A COST OF 5.5 CENTS TIMES 22 BILLION LBS. OR \$1.210 BILLION FOR THE PROGRAM. DIVIDING THIS FIGURE BY 200,000 WORKERS YIELDS \$6050 PER WORKER.
2. ON THE DAIRY PROGRAM, USDA SPENT \$714 MILLION ON THE DAIRY SUPPORT PROGRAM LAST YEAR. WITH ROUGHLY A HALF MILLION WORKERS IN THE DAIRY PRODUCING AND PROCESSING INDUSTRY, THIS RESULTS IN A COST OF \$1400 PER WORKER. CHRISTOPHER

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